IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

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LATERICA FINLEY,	
Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
v.	
JIMMY LEE JONES and WERNER	
ENTERPRISES, INC.,	REMOVED FROM SUPERIOR
	COURT OF COBB COUNTY
Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
	22100849

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO: The Honorable Judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division:

COME NOW, Jimmy Lee Jones and Werner Enterprises, Inc. (hereinafter "Defendants"), and file the following Notice of Removal to United States District Court, showing the Court as follows:

A civil action was filed on February 8, 2022, in the Superior Court of 1. Cobb County, State of Georgia. That action is designated there as Civil Action File No.: 22100849. Defendants first received notice of the suit on the day it was served,

February 10, 2022. This removal is timely filed. Plaintiff has previously submitted a demand to Defendants in the amount of \$300,000.00.

- 2. Defendants file herewith a copy of all process, pleadings, and orders received by Defendants in Civil Action File No.: 22100849, pursuant to 28 USC §1446.
- 3. Defendant Jimmy Lee Jones is an individual and citizen residing with the intent to remain in the State of Arkansas.
- 4. Defendant Werner, is now, was at the commencement of Civil Action File No.: 22100849, and at all times since has been an entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 5. Defendant Werner's Principal Office at the time of filing of Civil Action File No.: 22100849 was, and at all times since has been located in Omaha, NE.
- 6. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is an individual residing in the State of Georgia.
- 7. The action described above is a civil action with a claim of which this Court has original jurisdiction, and it is one that may be removed to this Court by the Defendant pursuant to the provisions of 28 USC §§ 1332 and 1441 et seq., in that there

is complete diversity among the Parties, the Parties are not residents of the same State, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs.

- a. Plaintiff has previously submitted a demand to Defendants in the amount of \$300,000.00
- b. "Amount in controversy" means simply the amount sought by Plaintiff that can be legally awarded by the fact-finder. "The jurisdictional fact in this case is not whether the damages are greater than the requisite amount, but whether a fact finder might legally conclude that they are: In other words, an amount that a plaintiff claims is not 'in controversy' if no fact finder could legally award it." Kopp v. Kopp, 280 F.3d 883, 885 (8th Cir., 2002). "[T]he plaintiffs' likelihood of success on the merits is largely irrelevant to the court's jurisdiction because the pertinent question is what is in controversy in the case, not how much the plaintiffs are ultimately likely to recover." Pretka v. Kolter City Plaza II, Inc., 608 F.3d 744, 751 (11th Cir., 2010). In a tort case the amount in controversy includes "general, special, and punitive damages." Williams v. Best Buy Co., 269 F.3d 1316, 1320 (11th Cir., 2001).

8. Defendant attaches hereto a copy of the Summons and Complaint in Superior Court of Cobb County, State of Georgia, marked as Exhibit "A".

9. Defendant attaches hereto a copy of Defendants' Notice of Removal which has been sent for filing in the Superior Court of Cobb County, State of Georgia, marked as Exhibit "B".

10. All Defendants agree to this removal.

WHEREFORE the Defendant prays that the above action now pending against them in the Superior Court of Cobb County, State of Georgia, be removed to this Court.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of March, 2022.

HALL BOOTH SMITH, PC

/s/ Sean B. Cox SEAN B. COX

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The foregoing **DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL** is double spaced in 14 point Times New Roman font and complies with the type-volume limitation set forth in Local Rule 7.1.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of March, 2022.

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EXHIBIT A



Corporate Creations Network Inc.

801 US Highway 1 North Palm Beach, FL 33408

Werner Enterprises, Inc. Sandy Wagner Werner Enterprises 14507 Frontier Road Omaha NE 68138

Jones, Jimmy 2020672982 11-19-20 LM Ath MP

Item: 2022-32

SERVICE OF PROCESS NOTICE

The following is a courtesy summary of the enclosed document(s). ALL information should be verified by you.

Note: Any questions regarding the substance of the matter described below, including the status or how to respond, should be directed to the contact set forth in line 12 below or to the court or government agency where the matter is being heard. IMPORTANT: All changes or updates to the SOP contact individuals or their contact information must be submitted in writing to SOPcontact@corpcreations.com. Any changes will become effective upon written confirmation of Corporate Creations.

1.	Entity Served:	Werner Enterprises, Inc.		
2.	Title of Action:	Laterica Finley vs. Jimmy Lee Jones and Werner Enterprise, Inc.		
3.	Document(s) Served:	Sheriff's Entry of Service Summons Disclosure Statement General Civil and Domestic Relations Case Disposition Information Form		
4.	Court/Agency:	Cobb County Superior Court		
5.	State Served:	Georgia		
6.	Case Number:	22100849		
7.	Case Type:	Negligence/Personal Injury		
8.	Method of Service:	Hand Delivered		
9.	Date Received:	Thursday 02/10/2022 ***		
10.	Date to Client:	Friday 02/11/2022		
11.	# Days When Answer Due: Answer Due Date:	30 Saturday 03/12/2022 Saturday 03/12/2022 CAUTION: Client is solely responsible for verifying the accuracy of the estimated Answer Due Date. To avoid missing a crucial deadline, we recommend immediately confirming in writing with opposing counsel that the date of the service in their records matches the Date Received.		
12.	Sop Sender: (Name, City, State, and Phone Number)	Sanford Hill Summerville, GA 706-859-7777		
13.	Shipped To Client By:	Email Only with PDF Link		
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15.	Handled By:	111		
16.	Notes:	Also Attached: * Complaint * Exhibit "A"		

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SUPERIOR COURT OF COBB COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Connie Taylor, Clerk of Superior Court Cobb County, Georgia

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 22100849

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FINLEY, LATERICA

PLAINTIFF

VS.

JONES, JIMMY LEE WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC., DBA C/O CORPORATE CREATIONS NETWORK, INC.

DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

TO: WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC.

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

Sanford Hill Law Offices, PC P.O. Box 140 136 Highway 48 Summerville, Georgia 30747

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 8th day of February, 2022.

Clerk of Superior Court

Connie Taylor, Clerk of Superior Court Cobb County, Georgia

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TO: JONES, JIMMY LEE

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

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an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 8th day of February, 2022.

Clerk of Superior Court

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FINLEY, LATERICA

Plaintiff

Vs.

JONES, JIMMY L; WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC.

Defendant

TYPE OF ACTION

o Divorce without Agreement Attached

o URESA

o Divorce with Agreement Attached

o Name Change

o Domestic Relations

o Other

o Damages Arising out of Contract

o Recusal

& Damages Arising out of Tort

o Adoption

- o Condemnation
- o Equity
- o Zoning County Ordinance Violations (i.e., Injunctive Relief-Zoning)
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/S/ Hill, Sanford

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Plaintiff,	
v.	CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.:
JIMMY LEE JONES, and WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC.,	
Defendants.	

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW LATERICA FINLEY, plaintiff, and makes and files this complaint against defendants JIMMY LEE JONES, and WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC. as follows:

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1.

Plaintiff LATERICA FINLEY resides at 146 Abner Drive, Cedartown, GA 30125, and is subject to the jurisdiction of this court.

2.

Defendant JIMMY LEE JONES resides at 4397 Bells Chapel Road, E., Atkins, AR 72823-5919, and may be served with a copy of the summons and complaint at this address. Service of Process is made pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-10-94.

3.

WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC. is a FOREIGN corporation existing under the laws of GEORGIA with its principal place of business in NEBRASKA and may be served through its registered agent CORPORATE CREATIONS NETWORK, INC. at 2985 Gordy Parkway, 1st floor, Marietta, GA 30006, and is subject to the jurisdiction of this court.

4.

Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this court.

BACKGROUND

6.

On or about *November 19, 2020,* plaintiff was driving her vehicle on *I-75 South near the intersection of Pine Grove Road in Catoosa County, Georgia.*

7.

Defendant JIMMY LEE JONES was driving his vehicle on 1-75 South near the intersection of Pine Grove Road in Catoosa County, Georgia.

8.

On this date, defendant JIMMY LEE JONES was operating his commercial vehicle on

behalf of defendant WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC.

9.

Defendant JIMMY LEE JONES was traveling on I-75 South near the intersection of Pine
Grove Road in Catoosa County, Georgia, when he attempted to change lanes and struck the
passenger side of Plaintiff's vehicle with the left rear hubcap on the trailer he was pulling.

10.

As a result of the collision, plaintiff suffered severe and permanent injuries.

COUNT 1

NEGLIGENCE

11.

Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 10 above as if fully restated.

12.

Defendant JIMMY LEE JONES was negligent in the following manner:

- (a) Improper lane change.
- (b) Failure to maintain proper lookout.

13.

Defendant JIMMY LEE JONES was negligent in making an improper lane change and failing to maintain a proper lookout for plaintiff's vehicle and colliding with plaintiff's vehicle.

14.

Defendant JIMMY LEE JONES negligence is the sole and proximate cause of the collision, and plaintiff's resulting injuries.

COUNT 2

IMPUTED LIABILITY

15.

Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 14 above as if fully restated.

16.

At the time of the subject collision, defendant *JIMMY LEE JONES* was under dispatch for defendant *WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC*.

17.

At the time of the subject collision, defendant *JIMMY LEE JONES* was operating his vehicle on behalf of defendant *WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC*.

18.

Defendant WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC. is an intrastate or interstate company, and pursuant to federal and state laws, is responsible for the actions of defendant JIMMY LEE

JONES in regard to the collision described in this complaint under the doctrine of lease liability, agency or apparent agency.

COUNT 3

NEGLIGENT HIRING, TRAINING & SUPERVISION

19.

Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 18 above as if fully restated.

20.

Defendant WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC. was negligent in hiring defendant JIMMY LEE JONES and entrusting him to drive a commercial vehicle.

21.

Defendant WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC. was negligent in failing to properly train defendant JIMMY LEE JONES.

22.

Defendant WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC. was negligent in failing to properly supervise defendant *JIMMY LEE JONES*.

23.

Defendant WERNER ENTERPRISE, INC. 'S, negligence in hiring defendant JIMMY LEE JONES and entrusting him with driving a commercial vehicle and failing to train and supervise him properly was the sole and proximate cause of the collision, and plaintiff's resulting injuries.

COUNT 4

DAMAGES

29.

Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 28 above as if fully restated.

30.

As a result of defendants' negligence, plaintiff suffered neck pain, back pain, headaches, concussion, and Traumatic Brain Injury.

31.

As a result of defendants' negligence, plaintiff has incurred past medical expenses and will continue to incur future medical expenses (See Exhibit "A" attached).

32.

As a result of defendants' negligence, plaintiff has been unable to work and has a claim for past and future lost wages.

33.

Defendants' negligence is the sole and proximate cause of plaintiff's injuries.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that she has a trial on all issues and judgment against defendants as follows:

- a. That plaintiff recovers the full value of past and future medical expenses and past and future lost wages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- That plaintiff recovers for physical and mental pain and suffering in an amount to be determined by the enlightened conscience of a jury;
- c. That plaintiff recovers punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the enlightened conscience of a jury; and
- d. That plaintiff recovers such other and further relief as is just and proper.

This 8th day of February 2022

Bv:

SANFORD M7 HILL

LAW OFFETOR

Georgia Bar No. 354505

Attorney for Plaintiff

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LATERICA FINLEY

SPECIALS

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2 WEBSTER ST NW ROME, GA 30165 678-277-5022

NEUROPSYCH CENTERS OF GEORGIA \$5,050.00

368 WEST PIKE ST. LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30046 678-538-9314

TOTAL: \$18,579.26

Exhibit "A"

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EXHIBIT B

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DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL TO UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

COME NOW, Jimmy Lee Jones and Werner Enterprises, Inc. (hereinafter "Defendants"), and file the following Notice of Removal to United States District Court, showing the Court as follows:

- 1. Defendants have filed a Notice of Removal to United States District Court. A true and correct copy of the Notice is attached as Ex. "A".
- 2. As a result thereof, this matter is automatically stayed and the action removed to United States District Court, for the Northern District of Georgia, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 *et seq.* Respectfully submitted this 11th day of March, 2022.

HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.

/s/ Mark D. Christopher
SEAN B. COX
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this day I have served a copy of the within and foregoing **DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL TO UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT** upon all parties to this matter by depositing same in the U.S. Mail, proper postage prepaid, addressed to counsel of record as follows and/or filing said document with Odyssey E-File which will automatically send electronic notification to the following:

Sanford M. Hill
P.O. Box 140
136 Highway 48
Summerville, GA 30747
sanfordhill@windstream.net

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of March, 2022.

HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.

/s/ Mark D. Christopher
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